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1. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF AUG. 25 COVERAGE OF AFRICA TRIP
AND OTHER EVENTS.

2. OWEN-YOUNG MISSION. WASHINGTON POST (RANDAL) REPORTED
FROM LAGOS AUG. 24 THAT "STILL SECRET BRITISH-AMERICAN PLAN
FOR TRANSFERING POWER TO RHODESIA'S BLACK MAJORITY RULES OUT
ANY LEADERSHIP ROLE" FOR IAN SMITH. STORY, BASED ON "INFORMED
SOURCES," SAYS PLAN CALLS FOR "MAJOR CHANGES IN MILITARY
BALANCE, DISMANTLING RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT AND BLACK NATIONALIST
GUERRILLA FORCES AND BRINGING AN INTERNATIONAL PEACEKEEPING
FORCE INTO THE COUNTRY." SUCH A FORCE, RANDAL WROTE, WOULD BE
MAINLY NIGERIAN BUT WOULD "WORK ALONGSIDE ELEMENTS OF
THE SMITH GOVERNMENT'S WHITE-LED ARMED FORCES AND OF THE RIVAL
BLACK NATIONALIST GUERRILLA GROUPS."...ALSO ON AUG. 24,
WASHINGTON POST (ROBIN WRIGHT) FROM SALISBURY UNDER HEADLINE
"YOUNG: WHITE RHODESIANS' BETE NOIR" QUOTE VARIOUS
RHODESIAN OFFICIALS AS MAKING HIGHLY CRITICAL AND
OFFENSIVE COMMENTS ON AMB. YOUNG. EXAMPLE: CABINET MINISTER
ROGER HAWKINS QUOTED AS SAYING "MR. YOUNG'S UNCONTROLLED
HATE OF A WHITE SKIN PERMEATES EVERY STATEMENT HE MAKES
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REGARDING SOUTHERN AFRICA. AMERICA'S USE OF MR. YOUNG AS
AN OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN IS A THREAT TO WHITE PEOPLE
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AS BLACK POWER SURGERY CAN ONLY RESULT
IN A TERMINAL PROGNOSIS FOR THE WHITE MAN."...A.P.
AUGUST 25 OUT OF SALISBURY WROTE THAT SENIOR RHODESIAN
OFFICIALS SAID RHODESIA WILL REJECT "ANY U.S.-BRITISH
MAJORITY-RULE PLAN THAT CALLS ON RHODESIA TO DISBAND ITS

ARMY." SPOKESMAN QUOTED AS SAYING THAT "HAS NEVER BEEN AND NEVER WILL BE NEGOTIABLE." RHODESIAN FOREIGN MINISTER P.K. VAN DER BYL QUOTED BY A.P. AS SAYING IN NATIONWIDE RADIO BROADCAST WEDNESDAY THAT U.K. AND U.S. ARE DETERMINED TO IMPOSE "INTOLERABLE SETTLEMENT" AND THAT THE "HISTORY OF THE PREVARICATION AND DECEIT OF THE ANGO-AMERICAN IS WELL KNOWN."... CBS RADIO (DANIELS) REPORTED AUG. 23 FROM LAGOS "ATTEMPT BY FRONT LINE STATES TO INTEGRATE FIGHTING FORCES OF NKOMO AND MUGABE HAS FAILED. THERE IS SUSPICION BUILDING IN EACH NATIONALIST CAMP THAT THE PLAN MAY FAVOR ONE GROUP OVER THE OTHER. THERE IS ALSO THE PROBLEM OVER WHAT TO DO ABOUT BISHOP MUZOREWA...ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN MUST UNITE ALL THESE FACTIONS AND BE ACCEPTABLE TO IAN SMITH. IT MUST SIT WELL WITH FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS AND BE PALATABLE SOLUTION TO APPEASE GROWING RIGHT WING IN RHODESIA. PLAN MUST BE ALL THINGS TO ALL PEOPLE, AND ALMOST NO ONE HERE, NOT EVEN AMBASSADOR YOUNG, IS THAT OPTIMISTIC."...

3. VANCE TRIP. NYTIMES (BUTTERFIELD) AUG. 25 REPORTED FROM PEKING THAT SECSTATE TALKED WITH CHINA'S THIRD-RANKING LEADER, TENG HSIAO-PING, "BUT APPARENTLY MADE NO PROGRESS ON THE CRITICAL ISSUE OF TAIWAN"... A.P. REPORTED FROM PEKING LATER AUG. 25 ON VANCE-HUA MEETING AND SPECULATED THAT HUA WOULD INDICATE U.S. MUST CUT TIES WITH TAIWAN BEFORE THERE COULD BE NORMALIZED U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS.

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4. SOUTH AFRICA. CSMONITOR GUEST EDITORIAL AUG. 25 BY RICHARD HAASS OF INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR STRATEGIC STUDIES IN LONDON SAYS ALTHOUGH SOUTH AFRICA HAS ABILITY TO TEST NUCLEAR DEVICES, IT PROBABLY WILL NOT, IN ORDER TO AVOID HEIGHTENED "POLITICAL ISOLATION" AND POSSIBLE "SEVERE ECONOMIC SANCTIONS THAT SOUTH AFRICA HAS THUS FAR AVOIDED." ARTICLE FURTHER STATES THAT NUCLEAR BOMB WOULD NOT ENHANCE SOUTH AFRICAN SECURITY AGAINST GUERRILLA WARFARE AND NUCLEAR OPTION WOULD NOT CONTRIBUTE TO SOLUTION OF SOUTH AFRICA DOMESTIC PROBLEMS.

5. PANAMA. PANAMANIAN OFFICIAL AUG. 24 SAID PRESIDENT CARTER AND GEN. TORRIJOS WOULD SIGN CANAL TREATY SEPT. 7 AT OAS HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON.

6. IRELAND. JODY POWELL SAID AUG. 24 THERE HAVE BEEN DISCUSSIONS IN U.S. GOVERNMENT ABOUT LIMITED AMERICAN EFFORTS TO HELP SETTLE CONFLICT IN NORTHERN IRELAND. BUT HE CAUTIONED THAT REPORTS OF U.S. "PEACE INITIATIVE" WERE EXAGGERATED AND SAID THERE WOULD NOT BE DIRECT U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN ULSTER.

7. CARIBBEAN TRIP. KNIGHT NEWSPAPERS (GAILEY IN MIAMI

HERALD), IN REVIEW LAST WEEK OF YOUNG CARIBBEAN TRIP SAID
"OVERALL THE TRIP SEEMED TO BE WHAT YOUNG SAID IT WAS --
PART OF AN ADMINISTRATION EFFORT TO SPIN A NEW POLICY WEB
AROUND A REGION LONG NEGLECTED BY WASHINGTON POWER BROKERS
OBSESSED WITH EAST-WEST RELATIONS." ARTICLE TOOK NOTE OF
CONCURRENT TRAVELS OF SEN. CHURCH, SECRETARY TODMAN AND
PATT DERIAN, AS WELL AS PANAMA AGREEMENT, AND SAID "THESE
DEVELOPMENTS SEEMED TO BE CONVINCING EVEN THE MOST SKEPTICAL
CARIBBEAN LEADERS THAT SOMETHING WAS HAPPENING IN AMERICAN
POLICY."
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